

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No:

Adopt Resolution proclaiming the month of June 2019 as.....)
Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Monterey County....)

WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2030, the County’s senior population will comprise 24 % of the total population, demonstrating an increase in overall numbers of seniors and disabled who are aging in our community; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County has seen a 29% increase in total reports to Adult Protective Services between 2016 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, Rates of senior homelessness have increased by 31% since 2016; and

WHEREAS, Financial abuse and self-neglect are the most reported categories of abuse and both have a high potential to lead to homelessness among our community’s elders; and

WHEREAS, providing prevention services, such as those that address isolation, are ways to reduce risk to vulnerable adults in the community; and

WHEREAS, social isolation affects nearly 1 in 5 older adults, which can result in a 59% greater risk of functional decline and a 45% greater risk of death; and

WHEREAS, identifying and addressing homelessness among seniors and disabled are also ways to prevent abuse and decrease isolation; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the Monterey Police Department and Adult Protective Services began in 2015 through the development of the Homeless Outreach Team; and

WHEREAS, members of Adult Protective Services and volunteers from the Gathering for Women, developed Navigator University, a four-week course attended by 30 service providers who learned about tools and resources to move an individual from homeless to housed; and

WHEREAS, innovative approaches for the prevention of elder and dependent adult abuse, along with increased community efforts, all play an important role in the reduction of abuse and neglect for vulnerable residents of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby joins the California State Legislature in recognizing the month of June 2019 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month, therefore, urging residents of Monterey County to participate in the identification and prevention of elder and dependent adult abuse, neglect, and homelessness, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this official resolution be presented by the **Monterey County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** on June 11, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of June 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book_____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated: Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____, Deputy